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VERY SUCCESSFUL OPEN MEETING OF PHILOMATHEAN LARGELY ATTENDED

Programme Short Though Full of Interest and Animation.

On last Thursday evening the Philomathean Literary Society held its first public meeting, and rendered a very successful programme. An unusually large and attentive audience, of which a number were town people and the young ladies of the W. F. I., was present.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mr. Clarence Jennings, who delivered a brief but very impressive address on the practical values of literary society work. The first feature of the programme was an oration by Mr. H. L. Harris, the subject of which was The Great Voice of Pan. Although his theme was a trifle hackneyed, yet Mr. Harris enlivened it by many poetic figures and illustrations from everyday life, and succeeded in delivering a thoughtful and forceful address. Mr. P. B. Elcan declaimed in good style "The Death-Bed of Benedict Arnold," while Mr. H. A. Campbell did much credit to himself and to his society in rendering "On The Frontier."

The question for debate was: Resolved, That the amount of property transferable by Inheritance should be limited by National statute. The affirmative was upheld by Mr. R. C. Warburton, and Mr. G. C. Outland defended the negative. Both speeches were of a high grade, showing deep thought and extensive preparation.

The concluding feature, and certainly one of the most interesting, was the reading of the Philomathean Star by Mr. J. L. Tucker. Probably it was the star of the occasion—at any rate it was one of the star features of the evening's programme. Mr. Tucker had a good collection of witty sayings, jokes and grinds, which he applied especially to the new students and professors of the College.

There was not a feature of the programme unworthy of special commendation. Every one, both young and old, apparently was well pleased with the two hours' time spent in witnessing the rendering of probably the most successful open meeting programme ever given by the Philomathean.

W. & M. ACADEMY DEFEATS RICHMOND ACADEMY BY LARGE SCORE

Opponents Completely Outclassed by Fast Local Team. Many Brilliant Plays

The Richmond Academy football team received a stinging defeat at the hands of the fast Academy team last Thursday, the score being 20-0. At no stage of the game did the capital city team threaten the Academy's coveted line, the pigskin being in the opponents' territory most of the time. Those who played a stellar game, if any particular stars, were Addison, Corbell, Scott, Land, Crockett and Jones.

The game in part:

In the first quarter, after Newton had intercepted the pass and "Buskey" Addison had torn off fifty yards around the end, Land fooled the entire team by a quarter back fake, scoring the first touchdown.

During the second period, Corbell plunged through the line at a ten-yard clip. Then Addison grasped the oval firmly, and shaking off the would-be tacklers as he went through the line, carried the ball forty yards for the second touchdown.

The third quarter was devoid of spectacular plays, there being fumbles on each side, no long runs and no touchdowns.

The ending period found Crockett in the game making his usual long end-runs and sensational plunges. The last touchdown was scored by Corbell after Crockett had carried the ball to the one-yard line on a spectacular forward pass. The game ended with the Academy threatening the junior Spiders' goal.

Officials: Referee, L. F. Games; umpire, Mr. Smith; headlinesman, B. D. Peachy; timer, H. A. Turner.

At night the Academy student-body celebrated their victory by having a pow-wow, including a "feu de foie" and several speeches by members of the Academy faculty.

WILSON CLUB PASSES ONE-HUNDRED MARK

The Woodrow Wilson Club continues to grow. The membership has passed the one-hundred mark, and the secretary has forwarded to Democratic headquarters twenty-four dollars, with more to follow later.

The club didn't think it proper to accept the proposition made by the University of Virginia, which was

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WHO'S WHO AND WHY AT THE VENERABLE COLLEGE OF WILLIAM & MARY

Something of the Great and Super-Great in These Parts. No. 2—Henry Rufus Hamilton

Hail to the Southwest! Though from Nicklesville there is nothing cheap in his make-up. Neither gold nor silver did they spare when they built that edifice of his. Indeed, they rather erred on the other side, and were somewhat extravagant with the materials; and so the big Southwester seems endowed with too much arms, too much legs, too much body, too much head, yea, too much sense and too much beauty. PEDAGOGUE, DEMIGOD, OR DEMAGOGUE

The Philomathean Star had it that "Ped" means "feet," and "gogue" means a long ways from the head; and so it is with "Ham." The fact is, "Ham" is great in every sense of the word. In spite of his name he bears a striking resemblance to the Greek Zeus. He also possesses those lordly qualities that go to make a great ruler. By day he goes about distributing wisdom and tobacco juice by virtue of which he wields a great influence over the student-body; by Saturday night he lords it over the Philomathean, smaller demagogues, and sits as judge of the supreme court of the College of William and Mary. He is loved by two hundred as wild young heathens as ever heathen god was worshipped by.

THE SPIRIT OF THE SOUTHWEST

"Ham" comes now and then from the Southwest. He is very independent. Since 1893 he has been attending college spasmodically. He comes one year to show the College that she can't get along without him; then he stays away a year to show her he can get along without her. His independence finds further expression in the way he fines "ducs" at every session of the supreme court.

"HAM." A WIT

In the days of Shakespeare 'Ham' would have made a good fool; even in this day he lays some claim to such an honor. At least any one who undertakes an exchange of words with "Ham" usually retires from the encounter sufficiently squelched. Though Ham usually looks as if his grandmother had just deceased he can be very funny. If you don't be-

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WOODROW WILSON CLUB HOLDS SECOND MEETING MONDAY EVENING

Drs. Lyon G. Tyler and J. C. Calhoun Make Fine Addresses

At a second meeting of the Woodrow Wilson Club, the members were favored with two very interesting addresses by Drs. L. G. Tyler and John C. Calhoun. Dr. Tyler in his address gave an excellent account of the history of the Republican and Democratic parties, and pointed out very clearly the attitude that these parties have had toward the south. Also, he discussed at length the platform of each of the parties in the field today, taking up in detail the three planks, tariff, trust, and high cost of living.

The second address, by Dr. John C. Calhoun, proved to be equally interesting. Dr. Calhoun paid a high tribute to his former pupil in Greek, by saying that Gov. Wilson's record in New Jersey gave convincing evidence of his political ability and was sufficient proof that Mr. Wilson would make an excellent president.

Dr. Clark made a few concluding remarks, in which he urged the members to think concerning the questions of boss rule and tariff and to do all in their power to help the people rid themselves of these two existing evils.

V. M. I. CADETS ASK FOR GAME

Manager James of the football team received a telegram Thursday evening from V. M. I., asking him to bring his team to Lexington to meet the Cadets in place of the game cancelled by the Fredericksburg team. On consultation with Coach Young, it was decided not to accept the invitation, in view of the proximity of the championship game with Randolph-Macon. The team is rapidly rounding into form, and the injured members are now in good trim, anxious for the whistle that will start the battle with the Ashlanders. Signal practice occupies the greater part of the time, as Coach Young is endeavoring to perfect the team in the use of new formations. The game with Randolph-Macon promises to be a battle royal.

An error occurs in the "In and Out of College Topics." Instead of being quondam student of Southpaw College, it should be quondam college southpaw.

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POLITICAL CLUBS IN COLLEGE

Should the students of this college, or of any college, organize political clubs for the promotion of the candidacy of a presidential nominee? An enlightened public opinion answers most emphatically yes. A little more than a week ago a number of the students and certain members of the faculty, who are in sympathy with Woodrow Wilson and the cause which he advocates, met, expressed their belief in this principle and organized a Woodrow Wilson club. And this action was but the same as that which has been taken, and is now being taken, in the various colleges throughout the country. So far no other club of similar character has been formed here at William and Mary, due, no doubt, to the paucity of adherents to a different political faith. But were there present enough of those students, who honestly believe in the principles of either of the other two political parties, to justify forming a club, it would certainly be wholly fitting and proper for them to pursue the same course as that taken by the Wilson admirers.

The reasons for this political activity among college men are quite apparent. Along with the ever-increasing complexity of our national life there have developed, and are now developing, great economic, social and political problems, which must be solved. The solutions of these problems, if we are to progress, must necessarily be intelligent. But an intelligent solution of a problem requires a considerable amount of knowledge concerning

those things involved in the problem. And it is in this demand that we find the chief reason for organizing political clubs in our higher institutions of learning. The students of today will be tomorrow face to face with the stern realities and duties of citizenship, and if they avail themselves of the opportunity to get acquainted with and to study the great questions and problems of the day, as afforded by these clubs, they will be better able to help solve them intelligently when forced to meet them.

But there is another reason for such activity on the part of college students. They, because of their superior training, are destined to become the leaders of thought in their respective communities. The masses do not, as a rule, possess enough knowledge of our governmental affairs and problems. So, if for no other reason, the college man should get the benefits to be derived from a political club, in order that he may be an efficient leader of the political thought of his community.

OUR GIFT

At the recent meeting of the executive committee of the Board of Visitors, The Flat Hat was as reported in our columns last week, the recipient of an hundred-dollar appropriation. For this we are, of course, profoundly grateful, and we use this means of expressing to the Board our sincere thanks for the amount. Without it we would have been, no doubt, somewhat financially embarrassed; but with it the success of the paper is pretty well assured so far as finance is concerned. However, a larger appropriation would have been more nearly in accord with the wishes of the management, for it would have made possible some desired improvements. It is to be hoped that the Board will, in the future, increase its allowance and thereby make possible a more rapid growth of the publication, which is so justly deserved.

A short time ago the College authorities, with an eye to the comfort and convenience of the students, installed an ornamental drinking fountain in front of the science hall. That the fountain still remains undiminished in size is somewhat mysterious. For this reason: many students, while quenching their thirst, also attempt seemingly to appease their hunger by biting the metal bulb. This is unsanitary to say the least of it. Keep the fountain free from bacteria. Don't apply your lips to the bulb. Remember this and our new drinking place will not become a medium for the exchange of disease germs.

Big game Saturday! Let every student feel it his duty to attend and root for his alma mater. Wil-

liam and Mary can win and will win if the team has the proper backing. Let's not allow our colors to trail in the dust at the feet of Randolph-Macon. No, never!

All men who wish to take part in a cross-country run to prepare themselves for a local meet to be held in November, will report at the gymnasium at 5 o'clock on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

BIBLE CLASSES ORGANIZE

Bible classes were organized in all the dormitories last Friday evening. The work, which hitherto has been conducted almost exclusively by students, will this year be done largely by members of the faculty. Professors Bennett and Clark have

been secured as leaders for the Ewell and Brafferton classes respectively, while Professor Goodwin and Mr. H. R. Hamilton will have charge of the classes in the Taliaferro.

It is believed that, by placing this work in the hands of professors, much better results will be obtained than there are ordinarily. Already more than the usual number of students have joined the classes, and the Y. M. C. A. leaders confidently expect this to be a record-breaking year for Bible class work.

Classes will be organized soon in the various Fraternity houses. Dr. Ritchie will have charge of one of these. It is not yet known who the other leaders will be.

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that she (the University) become the central Wilson college club of Virginia and all colleges sub-clubs of hers sending their contributions through her to headquarters. The consensus of opinion among the members is that, since the club was organized by the students and faculty members and is wholly self-supporting, it should remain an independent organization.

MESSRS. HARRIS AND LEWEY LEAVE COLLEGE

Mr. H. L. Harris, associate editor of The Flat Hat, and Mr. F. A. Lewey have been compelled, on account of sickness, to resign from College. Both have been in poor health for some time, and consequently not able to do the work of a student. Mr. Lewey left Sunday for his home in Giles county, and Mr. Harris left Monday for his home at Coeburn, Va. Both gentlemen, however, hope to be able to return to College for the spring term. All join in wishing them a speedy restoration of their health.

MOVEMENT TO ORGANIZE MINSTREL

A movement has been put on foot recently for the organization of a minstrel show, to be given at some later date, probably in February. The talent will be drawn largely from among the students, with probably several specialty acts by town artists. There are still with us most of the performers who were responsible for the pronounced success of the 1911 minstrel. These, with the aid of the new material available, will form a very capable cast. The management of the baseball team was instrumental in starting the movement, and the proceeds will be turned over to the Athletic Association for the purpose of equipping the baseball team with new uniforms. A call for minstrel candidates will be issued shortly.

LARGE ATHLETIC RALLY

On Friday night at 7 o'clock an athletic rally will be held in the chapel to practice yells and songs for the first championship game with Randolph-Macon. Coach Young and other members of the faculty will address the meeting. Every student in College is expected to be present and the new men are especially urged not to miss this last opportunity to learn the William and Mary way of rooting.

The squad, under Coach Young's direction, are doing their part to bring home the bacon. The rest depends on the student-body. Without their aid the team cannot win games. For Saturday's game two sections of the grand-stand have been reserved exclusively for the students. They will meet in the chapel at 2:30 and march out to the field in a body. The team is show-

ing excellent form in the daily practice and there is a general spirit of optimism over the result of Saturday's battle. Come out and root! This is the last opportunity you will have of seeing your team in action on Cary Field.

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IN AND OUT OF COLLEGE TOPICS

Mr. E. B. Thomas, of The Flat Hat staff, recently spent a couple of days in Richmond.

Mr. H. L. Carter has returned to College after spending a few days at home.

Mr. A. M. Graefe spent Saturday, the 19th, with home folks in Harpersville, Va.

Mr. B. N. Woods is on the sick list.

Mr. A. L. Thoms, '11, who teaches Bioolgy in John Marshall High school spent Saturday and Sunday here.

Mr. F. E. Graves, '11, who teaches in Richmond, was a visitor at the Theta Delta Chi House the past week-end.

Mr. Cyrus Hankins, an old William and Mary student, who was graduated from the V. M. I. last year, visited his parents here last week.

Mr. A. A. Brodowsky is now instructor in the Department of Chemistry.

Quite a number of tourists were seen on the campus the past week.

Mr. J. Herschel Dunn, quondam student of Southpaw College, was the guest of Mr. A. W. James Friday.

The new steel wardrobes ordered sometime ago for the dormitory rooms have been shipped and will doubtless arrive soon. Supt. Bridges requests that the students be patient, as the company is wholly responsible for the delay.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Taber, of Ottawa, Canada, spent a few days at the College last week. Mr. Taber was a student at William and Mary in 1902. He is now connected with a large lumber concern in Ottawa.

Mr. G. C. Outland is spending a few days with his parents in Isle of Wight county.

Messrs. J. F. Barnes, E. E. Givens and G. B. Zehmer have been chosen as delegates to the student Y. M. C. A. conference, and will leave next Thursday for Lexington, where the meeting is to be held.

Several Southwest students will go home to vote in the coming election.

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA CLUB REORGANIZES

The students from Southwest Virginia met in the chapel last Wednesday and reorganized the Southwest Club with the following named students as officers: K. A. Agee, president; H. L. Harris, vice-president; W. M. Grimsley, secretary; E. E. Givens, treasurer; Noan Shockley, chaplain; H. L. Carter, W. C. Lester and H. R. Hamilton, executive committee.

The club is the largest in college, there being a membership approximating forty already, with more yet to join. This is, by far, a greater number than has ever enrolled in the Southwest Club in any previous year.

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